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Kuntzler Assailed By ABA

CHICAGO, June 15 (AP)—Lawyer William Kunstler, who recently commented, "I'm not a lawyer for hire, I only defend those I love," was severely criticized in the June edition of the American Bar Association Journal.

An editorial in the journal called Kunstler "anti-intellectual, frantically impatient, defiantly nonobjective and intolerant and eager for violence."

The editorial, which represents a consensus of the journal's board of editors, concentrated on Kunstler's recent public statements and did not comment on his conduct as defense lawyer in the Chicago riot conspiracy trial.

The editorial said Kunstler "is developing a cult of admirers rivaling in behavier and, one suspects, intelligence the teen-ager mobs who used to swarm around Elvis Presley and the Beatles."

In response to Kunstler's "lawyer for hire" remark, the editorial said the appellation should be a "badge of honor for atterneys."

The editorial continued, "Our ideal os to provide competent counsel for any person with a legitimate cause . . . A lawyer for hire is available to the bad and the ugly, the scorned and the outcast. We know from long collective experience that many will go without legal defence or representation of they must depend upon finding a lawyer who 'loves' them."

The editorial commented that Kunstler's statement "plays on the absurdity of which the New Left seems so fond, namely that any cruelty or injustice or social destruction is all right or even commendable, provided only that it is committed for motives other than money-like neurotic vainglory or hatred of successful people."